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Via ECFS Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

## Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1

Dear FCC,

This is the second time I am writing to you regarding the same issue. I use Sonic and they are awesome.

Broadband is essential to me not only for access to the internet, I also work from home and would not be able to do so if broadband had o competition.

I am 75 years old and cannot go to work in an office - working from home affords me to keep up in the workforce and earn supplemental income to my social security.

WTF is it with greedy providers wanting to squeeze out the 'little' guy and grab everything for themselves.

We need COMPETITION. I repeat - COMPETITION.

My phone and internet access are essential. Have you ever had to stay on the phone while you tried to reach a customer service person at the biggies? Cable or telephone - and then finally be told you are in the wrong department or had your called "dropped" only to have to start again?

Please Please - open up the market place, not shut it down.

Thank you

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